

COMPLAINT
NO. 2019-79776THE STATE OF TEXAS {}
COUNTY OF HIDALGO {}MUNICIPAL COURT
MCALLEN, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

I, DET. RICHARD RODRIGUEZ 12088, do solemnly swear that I have good reason to believe, and do believe and charge, that heretofore, on or before the 9TH day of JUNE A.D. 2019, in the County of Hidalgo and State of Texas, JUAN MANUEL MEJIA, hereinafter called Defendant, did then and there **while in the course of committing theft of property and with intent to obtain or maintain control of the property, intentionally and knowingly threaten or place [REDACTED] in fear of imminent bodily injury or death, and the defendant did then and there use or exhibit a deadly weapon, namely a silver over black hand gun.**

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On June 10, 2019 at about 2246 hours, Officer C. Rodriguez 13124, responded to the Koko Bongo drive-thru located at the 4300 block of South 23rd St in reference to a possible robbery. Officer Rodriguez made contact with the victim/store clerk. The victim advised she was arranging products in the drive thru when two male subjects entered the business with hooded sweaters, gloves, and with the lower part of their faces covered. The victim advised the short male was brandishing a black stun gun and the tall male brandished, a silver over black, hand gun. The victim said the short male pointed the stun gun towards her as he forced her into the business office. The victim advised the males tied her hands behind her back with zip ties. Victim further stated the males emptied the cash register that contained an undetermined amount of money and then ransacked the office taking cash plus other various store products. The victim advised the male that had the handgun also forcefully removed a gold chain from her neck. The victim advised the males then left the business and shortly after a male and female arrived and assisted in her aid. The police was called at that time.

Officer Tellez documented that the witnesses observed two males running north from the location while dropping items as they ran. The witnesses advised they saw two males run towards a dark colored Chevrolet Malibu with TX LP's, [REDACTED]. The males looked suspicious as they ran from the store with their faces covered with rags and they fled in their vehicle with their lights off. They followed the vehicle until they obtained the license plates and returned to the store.

Investigators later made contact at the Chevrolet Malibu's registered owner's address in Pharr, TX. Contact was made with the registered owner's daughter, [REDACTED]. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised investigators that the registered owner

Wherefore, I ask that a warrant to arrest said Defendant be issued forthwith in accordance with the law in such cases provided.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this 11th day of June, 2019 A.D.

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now lives in Edinburg but the main person that uses the Chevrolet Malibu is her son, Juan Manuel Mejia. Mrs. [REDACTED] then called her son and asked him "What did you do?" (in Spanish). Juan did not respond and terminated the line.

Det. R. Rodriguez later responded to Edinburg and made contact with [REDACTED] (Juan's grandmother), [REDACTED] (Juan's aunt), and Mrs. [REDACTED]. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that her grandson, Juan Manuel Mejia, often takes the Malibu without her permission. Mrs. [REDACTED] further stated that Juan was last seen with the Malibu on Friday, June 7, 2019, at about 2330 hours. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she has not seen her grandson, Juan, or her Malibu all weekend. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised Juan is usually with another male named Julian Solis. Mrs. [REDACTED] Juan's aunt advised she received a phone call from Juan at about 0300 hours stating he was in fear of the consequences for an action he committed. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she told Juan that she knew a gun was involved and Juan responded by stating he was not the one with the gun but would not say who was in possession of the gun at which time they assisted the store clerk.

Mrs. [REDACTED] received a phone call from Juan and he told her he wished to cooperate and go to the police station to provide a statement but he had not made an attempt to do so. Mrs. [REDACTED] asked Juan to tell Det. R. Rodriguez where the Malibu was located. Juan said he would provide the location to the Malibu when he gave his statement, however it did not appear Juan was going to turn himself in. Investigators observed Juan leave Mrs. [REDACTED] apartment with his girlfriend [REDACTED] but they were not in a direct route to the McAllen Police Department and were therefore stopped by a McAllen Police Officer. Juan was detained for further investigation.

Detectives spoke to [REDACTED] who stated Juan Manuel Mejia told her he had committed a robbery but would not provide her with details of the offense.

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Detectives made contact with Juan, who voluntarily waived his rights and admitted to being a part of the robbery that occurred at the drive thru. Juan advised he was not the suspect in possession of the .45 caliber pistol at the time of the robbery. Det. R. Rodriguez was made aware a search warrant was conducted on Juan's apartment where a .45 cal magazine, holster, a stun gun, and cash in a duffel bag were located.

Suspect: JUAN MANUEL MEJIA, DOB: 02/23/1992, WHITE/MALE, EYES: BROWN
HAIR: BLACK, HEIGHT: 5' 07", WEIGHT: 120lbs,
Last Known Address: 2132 E WISCONSIN RD., EDINBURG, TX 78541, AKA: "N/A"

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